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1. RESPONDING TO HIS QUERY TO AMBASSADOR HABIB, I GAVE
BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG YOM OUR READING
OF PRIVATE SAUDI APPROACH TO ROKG FOR KOREAN EXPERTS
TO MAINTAIN AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. KIM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE
TO DEMONSTRATE ITS FRIENDSHIP TO ABAB COUNTRIES. HE
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD
ACTIVELY OPPOSE A KOREAN RESPONSE INDICATING READINESS
TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICIANS. DRAWING FROM PARA 2
REFTEL (B), I SAID WE WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE KOREANS
TO COMPETE WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THIS FIELD,
NOR WOULD WE WISH SAUDIS TO LEARN THAT WE WOULD
ACCEPT THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS AS SUBSTITUTES FOR
AMERICAN PERSONNEL. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR
POSITION.
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